

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, June 12, 2017

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Vice Mayor Bill Krause. Council members present were Ken Lewis, Kathleen Lock, and Bob Wood. Member absent was Harry Ward. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

Bill acknowledged and thanked everyone for their support.

3. Approval of the June 12, 2017 meeting agenda

Motion: A motion was made by Kathleen lock to approve the June 12, 2017, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried unanimously, 4 – 0.**

4. Approval of the May 08, 2017 Town meeting minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the May 12, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried 4-0..**

5. Reading of Correspondence

The Town received Two checks from Bob Clendaniel for ongoing housing projects.

6. Reports: A. Treasurer

Kathy Lock presented the May 2017 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Kathy referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting.

Motion: Ken Lewis made a motion to approve the May 2017 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bob Wood seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.**

B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator

Vice Mayor Krause presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniels has reported that he worked 10.75 hours on 2 different projects this past month.

C. Tax Collector Report

There were no changes from last month.

D. Town Street Committee

There was no report at this time but a discussion began

To thank Vice Mayor Bill Krause for all of his service during his time on the council. Bill served as Mayor, Vice Mayor, Secretary and Council Person. Kathy, Bob and Ken all talked about Bill's many accomplishments and projects that he was involved in. Bill has decided to take a break and not to run for this council cycle but maybe sometime in the future he might decide to come back on board.

E. Mayoral & Council updates

There were no updates at this point

7. Old Business

a) Grants

✓ **USDA Wastewater Grant**

Kathy Lock reported that we are still waiting for a report.

USDA Sewer Grant

Kathy Lock reported that Council had a meeting with the Sussex County Engineer, County Councilman I.G. Burton and Jason, an engineer from BD&F and there was general agreement to pursue this project and start to consider funding options. There is still a lot to do but it does show some promise.

✓ **DNREC Resiliency Grant**

There has been a final town meeting on July 22nd to discuss the conclusions of the project.

There will be representatives from:

DNREC

Memorial VFD

Univ. of Delaware

DeIDot

DEMA

And lunch will be provided.

8. New Business:

A – *Discussion and vote on appointment of auditor for yearly town audit.*

It was discussed and voted upon to again use the services of Sonbar and Assoc. for the audit for 2017

Motion: Kathy Lock a motion to approve the audit. Ken Lewis seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.**

B – There was discussion on the towns annual meeting on June 3rd and we thank Ken Lewis for taking the minutes.

There was a motion to approve the minutes by Kathy Lock and seconded by Ken Lewis. The vote was **4-0**.

C – There was discussion and a vote for a proclamation in support of the FFA.

Earlier in the month, a great group of students from the Milford Chapter of FFA came to town and flipped crabs and removed trash from the beach. Ken worked with the students and although there were not many crabs, they collected a lot of trash. We than voted to issue a proclamation for their efforts.

A motion was made by Bob Wood to issue the proclamation to the FFA and was seconded by Ken Lewis. The Vote was **4-0**

D – Discussion and vote on the Marsh Boardwalk Project

We discussed and voted on a limit of \$30,000.00 in a match with DNS for the boardwalk construction.

Motion was made by Kathy Lock and seconded by Ken Lewis the vote was **4-0**.

Council also approved undergoing the process for a Tap Grant also for this project

Motion by Kathy Lock and seconded by Ken Lewis. The vote was **4-0**

Council also discussed the DE land and Water Trust Grant and also approved proceeding with applying for this grant also.

Motion was made by Kathy Lock and seconded by Ken Lewis the vote was **4-0**

E. There was discussion on the removal of crab debris on the north end of the beach and this will be looked at again next month.

8. Election Process

As of tonight, we seem to be ahead of schedule for the upcoming election. All paperwork has been filed and we have election officials in place for the election. Several absentee Ballots have been received.

9. 30th Anniversary of Coastal Cleanup.

We are going to have a meeting with the committee in a few weeks to discuss hosting this kickoff here in town.

10. Open Discussion

There are 3 candidates for council in this cycle and there will be an election on July 1st from 8-12 noon

11. Adjournment

Motion: *Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Bob Wood seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.*

12. Upcoming Events

Next Town Council meeting – July 10th 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary